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Secret of the Kissinger trips

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FORMER CIA officer Mr Philip Agee claimed yesterday that in 1976 Dr Henry Kissinger, then American Secretary for State, made two secret trips to Britain to demand Agee's expulsion from the country because of his anti-CIA work.

Mr Agee was deported from Britain in 1977 as 'a threat to national security.'

He made the claim at a Press conference in Dublin to launch a new book on British intelligence written by two British-based authors. He had been granted a three-day visa by the Irish Minister of Justice on condition that he did not try to enter Britain.

Mr Agee says US State Department indexes obtained after a prolonged law-suit under the Freedom of Information Act list two long cables sent about Agee to the London embassy 'for the Secretary of State' in October 1976.

The contents of the cables, about Mr Agee's speaking tour during the Jamaican general

election, were not released, on 'national security' grounds.

Agee had just returned to London after advising the Jamaican Prime Minister, Mr Michael Manley, on apparent attempts by the CIA to destabilise the country.

There were two periods in October 1976 for which there is no public record of Dr Kissinger's precise movements. He was involved at that time in Britain's attempts to obtain IMF funding and in organising a truce in Zimbabwe.

The then Labour Home Secretary, Mr Merlyn Rees, denied in Parliament in 1977 that he had deported Mr Agee because of American pressures.